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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

REF: A) CAIRO 10166, B) TEL AVIV 4580, C) TEL AVIC 4643 (NOTAL)

1. TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, THE
"TWO-TRACK" IDEA WAS SUGGESTED AND PRESSED BY WEIZMAN,
NOT DAYAN. AS WILL NOW BE CLEAR TO ALL FROM REF C,
DAYAN WANTS NO PART OF IT AND HAS OPTED OUT HIMSELF IN
FAVOR OF ONE-TRACK, WEIZMAN'S AT LEAST FOR THE TIME
BEING.

2. WEIZMAN IS BY NO MEANS HAPPY ABOUT BEING LEFT WITH
TAR BABY. I SAW HIM THIS EVENING, APRIL 6, ON OTHER
MATTERS. WHEN I MENTIONED DAYAN'S DECISION NOT TO GO TO
WASHINGTON, HE WAS THUNDERSTRUCK--IT WAS THE FIRST HE
HAD KNOWN OF IT. THIS IS ONLY ONE OF MANY SIGNS OF HOW
ILL-COORDINATED THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS AT THE TOP
THESE DAYS. I DID TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY ALSO TO TRY TO
HELP HIM UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS CONFUSION BETWEEN
CAIRO AND JERUSALEM AS TO WHO IS WAITING FOR WHOM TO
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MAKE THE NEXT MOVE. HE PLANS TO MULL THAT PROBLEM OVER
A BIT BEFORE DECIDING WHAT TO DO. IN ANY CASE, HE
PERSONALLY WOULD BE IN NO POSITION TO GO BACK TO EGYPT
BEFORE APRIL 18 SINCE HE IS GOING TO BE PARTICIPATING
HEAVILY THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN THE CHANGE-OVER OF COMMAND
OF THE IDF FROM GENERAL GUR TO GENERAL EITAN.

3. WITH REGARD TO HERMANN EILTS' COMMENTS ON MY VIEWS
(REF A), I FOUND LITTLE IN HIS THINKING WITH WHICH I WOULD
DISAGREE. MY RESERVATION ABOUT TABLING A USG DRAFT
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, HOWEVER,
IS THAT I SEE VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF THE ISRAELIS ACCEPTING
IT UNLESS WEIZMAN AND SADAT GET SOMEWHAT FURTHER ON THE
POSSIBLE ULTIMATE CONCRETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEST BANK
AND GAZA WHICH THEY BEGAN TO GET INTO DURING WEIZMAN'S
LAST TRIP.
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